



Conditions in Arizona

-2002 Most Catastrophic Fire Season in Arizona History.

-Drought and Bark Beetle Infestations.

-Current Conditions result of past Forest Management Practices.

-Increased Human Development in the forest regions of the State.



500,000 acres within Urban Interface contain hazardous fuel conditions.

Over 25 Arizona Communities identified as “At Risk.”

Arizona lacks the industry to harvest and utilize small diameter forest products.

Public unaware of the hazardous fuel conditions and catastrophic fire potential.



THANK YOU,

ENVIRONMENTALISTS

**FOR MAKING THE 2002 FIRE SEASON
ALL IT COULD BE!**

WWW.AZFIRE.ORG



Time for Action

Governor Napolitano convened the 2003 Forest Health and Safety Conference.

Requested development of an Action Plan for Arizona.

Issued Executive Order creating the Forest Health Advisory and Oversight Councils.

A photograph of a forest with tall pine trees and a grassy undergrowth. The trees are tall and slender, with green needles. The ground is covered in green grass and some small yellow flowers. The sky is blue with some white clouds.

Forest Health Advisory Council

**Utilize a Science-based Approach to improving
health of Arizona's forests.**

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Charge of Governor's Forest Health Advisory Council

Develop Guiding Principles for restoration-based fuel reduction and forest health projects.

Evaluate sustainable economic uses for small diameter trees.



Membership- Forest Health Advisory Council

University of Arizona

Northern Arizona University

USDS Forest Service and RMRS

Coconino County Board of Supervisors

Arizona Game and Fish Department

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Grand Canyon Trust

Center for Biological Diversity

Arizona State Land Department

The Nature Conservancy

Arizona Division of Emergency Management

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Forest Health Oversight Council

**Provide Oversight of Governor's Action
Plan.**

**Propose legislative and administrative
changes.**

Membership- Forest Health Oversight Council

Arizona Legislature, House of Representatives

Northern Arizona University- ERI

Arizona State Forester

Arizona Dept of Emergency Management

Arizona Department of Commerce

Mayor, City of Flagstaff

Governor's Policy Advisor on Environmental Affairs

White Mountain Apache Tribe

Arizona Public Service, Arizona State University

Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club, Public Land

Grazing Permittee, Graham County Supervisor



Products Developed by the Councils

**Guiding Principles for Forest Ecosystem Restoration
and Community Protection**

Recommendations provided annually to:

Arizona Legislature

Executive Branch

Congress

Local Communities

Citizens and Private Sector



Products Developed by the Councils

Guiding Principles for A New Economy Based on Forest Restoration

Recommendations developed from Arizona's Annual Forest Health and Fire Safety Summit

A large forest fire is visible in the background, with thick black smoke rising into the sky. The fire is intense, with bright orange and yellow flames visible at the base of the smoke. The foreground shows a dense forest of green trees, some of which are partially obscured by the smoke and fire.

Arizona's Forest Health Councils Conclusion

Process for Collaboration on contentious issues.

State led effort.

Public Involvement.

Legislative participation critical.